

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-29, and 32-44 are pending in the application. Claims 29, 34, 35, 43, and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 32 and 33 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 2, 4-28, and 36-42 have been allowed, including formerly withdrawn Claim 14. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this notice of allowed and allowable claims.

Claims 29, 43, and 44 have been amended; Claim 33 has been canceled; and, new Claims 45-47 have been added. In view of the amendments and remarks that follow, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims Noted as Allowable

Claims 32 and 33 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

All elements of canceled dependent Claim 33 have been added to independent Claim 29. Therefore, dependent Claim 33 has been rewritten in independent form (as Claim 29), including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (of which there are none).

Dependent Claim 32 has been rewritten as new independent Claim 45, including all of the limitations of base Claim 29 and any intervening claims (of which there are none). Applicant thus submits that these allowable claims are now in condition for allowance, as Claims 29 and 45.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 29, 34, 35, 43, and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by French Patent No. FR 2,819,765 (hereinafter "FR '765"). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

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In view of the amendment to Claim 29, incorporating the allowable subject matter of Claim 33, the outstanding rejection of Claim 29 (and Claims 34 and 35 that depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is moot.

Applicant will now address amended independent Claims 43 and 44. Claims 43 and 44 have also been amended to include all elements of dependent Claim 33 (noted as allowable). Therefore, as discussed in detail below, applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 43 and 44, as amended, are also allowable.

Claim 43, as amended, recites an instrument mounting assembly for mounting an electronic device to a vehicle, the electronic device having a front face. The instrument mounting assembly includes a support for supporting the electronic device, the support having a front portion. The instrument mounting assembly further includes a coupling assembly for movably coupling the support to the vehicle such that the support may be selectively moved between a stowed position and an extended position. The coupling assembly has a rear guide assembly for guiding a rear portion of the support in a first path and a front guide assembly for guiding a second portion of the support in a second path. When the support is transitioned from the stowed to the extended position, the front portion of the support moves in a predetermined path resulting from the movement of the rear and second portions of the support along the first and second paths. The predetermined path *is substantially linear as the support initially moves from the stowed position and transitions after a selected amount of travel of the support to an arcuate path* such that the support is rotated when transitioned to the extended position. And, the support is rotated 20 degrees or greater as the front portion of the support follows the predetermined path.

Claim 44, as amended, recites an instrument mounting assembly for mounting an electronic device to a vehicle, the electronic device having a front face. The instrument

mounting assembly including a support for supporting the electronic device, the support having a front portion. The instrument mounting assembly further including a coupling assembly for movably coupling the support to the vehicle such that the support may be selectively moved between a stowed position and an extended position. The coupling assembly has a rear guide assembly for guiding a rear portion of the support in a first path and a front guide assembly for guiding a second portion of the support in a second path. When the support is transitioned from the stowed to the extended position, the front portion of the support moves in a predetermined path resulting from the movement of the rear and second portions of the support along the first and second paths. The predetermined path *is substantially linear as the support initially moves from the stowed position and transitions after a selected amount of travel of the support to an arcuate path* such that the support is rotated when transitioned to the extended position. A first average inclination of the first path is inclined relative to a second average inclination of the second path.

FR '765 does not anticipate Claims 43 and 44. Specifically, FR '765 fails to teach a predetermined path that "is substantially linear as the support initially moves from the stowed position and transitions after a selected amount of travel of the support to an arcuate path," as recited in canceled dependent Claim 33 (noted as allowable). Referring to FIGURES 1, 3, and 4, FR '765 teaches a path that is arcuate as the support initially moves from the stowed position and transitions after a selected amount of travel to a substantially linear path. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 43 and 44, as amended, are also allowable.

New Claims 45-47

Applicant submits that new independent Claim 45 (as discussed above), and Claims 46 and 47 depending therefrom, are also allowable over the cited prior art references.

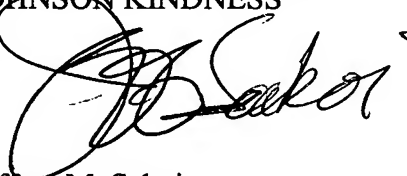
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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